

NEWSLETTER

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A very warm welcome to 2019. We will focus on delivering developmentally appropriate activities for each child, such as social, emotional, physical, mathematical, language and literacy learning skills (just mentioning a few). In these pathways we as educators will be closely working with you - parents because you are the first and most important educators of your children. Please talk to us by voicing your views, needs and sharing your observations. Also attend our Governing Council meetings which will give you a better understanding of kindergarten, education and events.

SIGN IN SHEET. Each day on your child's arrival/departure you will need to sign your child in and out. You must also let us know if somebody else is going to pick your child up.

Let us know

When children are together, there is a chance of spreading sickness—If your child becomes sick please call us, especially if your child experiences or was exposed to eg. flu , conjunctivitis, vomiting, diarrhea or head lice.

Please note, we will also ask you to provide a doctor's certificate stating that your child is ready to return to kindy. These measures are inline with and according to DECD policy and Code of conduct; we are bound to act to protect the health and safety of all children .

Cyber safety

Please make sure that you will not place photos of kindergarten children or discuss any aspect of EE Kindergarten on social media. If you have any issues with that please talk to us or call the Department for further assistance. The safety and privacy of all children and adults needs to be protected.

All parents are invited to volunteer/ help at kindy and stay for some time to work with their children.

Please note that you are not to reprimand other children while at kindy. Please inform educators if an issue arises.

Session Times

The children must only attend the sessions they've been assigned to (parents have been presented with children's sessions/rosters). Each child has the opportunity to attend 2 full days and a 1/2 day (15 hours per week). You can not swap sessions as you please, due to child teacher ratio policy.

When picking up or dropping your child at **11.45am please wait outside before children are dismissed or brought in. You need to be on time for a smooth and a short transition.** The 11.45 am -mid day transition is happening during children's lunch which needs to be as smooth and peaceful as possible.

Waiting for sessions to start

While waiting outside for the session to start, please work with your children utilising the provided activities e.g. reading books, drawing, constructing, playing in the sandpit or on the grass. Make this time special for you and your child by actively participating. This is also an opportunity to talk to other parents/caregivers.

Governing Council

On the 15th of February(Friday 9.30) EEK will host our Annual General meeting (AGM). We will discuss last year's outcomes and choose our new representatives

for this year. All parents are welcome to attend Governing Council meetings and have an active role in the running of our EE Kindergarten.

Fees per term

Full time kindy \$100 per term (\$400 per year)

You may pay in instalments or as a lump sum. Families can use online payment methods or Centrepay.

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In this hot weather, please remember that children need to come to kindergarten in appropriate clothing, e.g. short sleeves, hats, comfortable shoes (sandals, no thongs).

What to Bring

When bringing your child to Kindy, please make sure they have:

A named bag

A named hat – we recommend wide brimmed/ legionnaire style hats (\$5 available at kindy)

Lunch -healthy food only eg. fruit, vegetables or sandwiches (no sweets, nuts, chips, juice, milk, cakes and eggs). Drinking water is available at the preschool. Please remind your children not to share their food with the other children.

A child is enrolled who is highly **allergic to eggs** so please do not pack eggs. Thank you for your understanding and support. We aim to teach children that looking after and helping others is a kind and responsible way of growing up.

Please bring snacks - fruits or vegetables (naked food only) not rollups. These kinds of foods should not be wrapped up. As per our policy unsuitable foods will be sent home.

As was discussed during enrolment meetings, we are here to support you and help you in encouraging your child to further develop his/her positive learning and coping skills and having a go attitude in different areas, including health and trying new foods.

The kindy fridge is to be only used for children's lunches with lunch boxes clearly labelled. The staff can not heat up food for children.

Update records Please remember to update your child's records if there have been any changes in details including addresses, contact numbers, medical details, etc.

Pockets Please check your information pockets regularly. You may also put information/suggestions in the black box— however first try to talk to us in person.

Story-A-day When you read a story to your child at kindergarten, remember to write the title on your child's card. When you have read 20 books and the sheet is full, please hand this to Ela or Chris and a certificate will be made.... and a new sheet to record the books you read will also be made.

With thanks EEK staff:

Ela, Chris, Jeremy, Kelly, Pui, Rachele

Session times

All day 8.45 - 2.45pm

AM 8.45 - 11.45 PM 11.45 - 2.45



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